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For: ENZYMES HAVING ESTERASE ACTIVITY  
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Responsive to the non-final office action, mailed May 05, 2005 (the OA), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due August 05, 2005. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to November 05, 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter; Fee Transmittal; Petition for 3 month extension of time; Copy of Petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) as filed with the Patent Office May 13, 2004; Substitute Application Data Sheet (ADS); and Return Receipt Postcard.